

## **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/MUNICIPALITIES MEETING MINUTES FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2014**

Commissioner Blaine R. Young, President, Board of County Commissioners, called to order a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County, Maryland, ("Board") and the municipal officials of Frederick County for Thursday, March 13, 2014, at 5:30 p.m.

Those attending from Frederick County Government: Commissioners C. Paul Smith, *Vice President*, and Billy Shreve (arrived at 5:40 p.m.). Commissioners David Gray and Kirby Delauter were absent.

Elected officials present were: Randy McClement, Mayor, and Michael O'Connor and Kelly Russell Aldermen, The City of Frederick; Debby Burgoyne, Mayor, Town of Burkittsville; Karin Tome, Mayor, City of Brunswick; Bob King, Councilman, Town of Mount Airy; Jake Romanell, Councilman, Town of New Market; Tom Watson, Burgess, Village of Rosemont; John Kinnaid, Mayor, and Bill Buehrer, Commissioner, Town of Thurmont; and Ralph Whitmore, Burgess, Town of Walkersville.

Those present from the Frederick County Board of Education: Joy Schaefer, *President*; Kathryn Groth, *Vice President*; Jean Smith and Dr. Zakir Bengali. Present from Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS): Superintendant Dr. Theresa Alban and Ray Barnes. Robin Summerfield, representing Senator Ben Cardin, was also present.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes for October 10, 2013, were approved by unanimous consent.

### **BUSINESS**

#### **Tax Equity Calculation – Tanya Kauffman, Budget Office, Office of the County Manager**

Ms. Kauffman presented the tax equity calculations for the municipalities.

#### **Exploration of Property Options for The City of Frederick – Joy Schaefer, Frederick County Board of Education**

Mr. Barnes presented a possible combination school site for an elementary and middle school on the Sanner Farm Property located north of Frederick city.

Commissioner Young requested the information be forwarded to the county.

#### **Update on the Drug Enforcement Task Force and Events – Commissioner Billy Shreve**

Commissioner Shreve reported a drug awareness event would be held on Wednesday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Brunswick High School.

#### **Community Framework for Addressing the Student Opportunity Gap – Joy Schaefer, Frederick County Board of Education**

Ms. Schaefer presented statistics regarding free and reduced meals for various schools in the county. The statistics revealed an increase in the numbers throughout the county schools over the past few years.

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Ms. Schaefer recommended that common goals be put forward by the local governments to reduce the numbers of needy students in the school system.

It was noted the elected officials would discuss the issues and assimilate what municipal programs were available, as well as determine if the funding is being appropriately used where folks need it.

Public comment was heard from:

- Tom Warner
- Liz Barrett
- Jessica Fitzwater
- Kathryn Campenos

(Commissioners Young and Shreve left the meeting at 6:20 p.m.)

**School System Priorities – Joy Schaefer, Frederick County Board of Education**

Ms. Schaefer noted the BOE had submitted the 2015 Superintendent's Recommended Operating Budget to the county. She indicated the BOE was advocating for full funding of the budget as presented.

Public comment was heard from:

- Melissa Hall

**Update on the Proposed Deer Hunting Regulations and Amended Shotgun Zone Map – Commissioner Billy Shreve**

This item would be carried over to the next County/Municipalities meeting.

**COMMENTS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Patricia Morrow  
Recording Secretary